

**MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 1998**  
**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in special session on Wednesday, September 30, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Alting called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were:

Present: Alting, Boehning, Meyer, Probasco, Campbell, Downie, Rhoda, Smith, Fisher

Absent: None

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-53 (An Ordinance Appropriating Money for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses of Several Departments of the City Government of the City of Lafayette, Indiana for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 1999 and Ending December 31, 1999, Including the Outstanding Claims and Obligations and Fixing the Time When the Same Shall Take Effect) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Downie seconded. Mayor Dave Heath stated that there have been cuts to the 1999 budget and the goal is to keep tax rate at the current rate. Mayor Heath stated that at the regular meeting on October 5, 1998 there will be a resolution to reduce 1998 budget. Mayor Heath stated that he had talked to Councilman Meyer regarding renovations to or replacement of the outlying pools and stated that he is prepared to commit a *minimum* of \$100,000 from Cumulative Capital Development Fund for implementation of the aquatic study. Councilman Smith asked how soon information would be available. Vicki Mayes, Park Superintendent, stated that a preliminary draft of the city-wide aquatic study should be available in November and the final study should be completed in December. Councilman Probasco stated that all parties should be commended for their cooperative effort. Councilman Meyer thanked Mayor Heath and City Attorney Eric Burns for looking into the issue to appropriate money for this effort and stated that this sends a good message to the community. Mayor Heath stated that the city needs to have firm dollar figures to proceed with the allocation of funds. Mayor Heath stated that there are still some cuts to be made to the 1999 budget to keep the tax rate down. President Alting stated that there was a scrivener's error in the Park Bond Fund budget that was presented at the first reading. The scrivener's error was accepted by unanimous voice vote. Councilman Probasco moved to amend Ordinance 98-53 to reduce the 1999 budget by \$1,567,561, Councilman Meyer seconded. The amendment passed 8-0 on a roll call vote. Councilman Campbell stated that once the health insurance issue is resolved there will be closure to the salary issues with union employees. Ordinance 98-53, as amended, passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Campbell moved to adjourn, Councilman Rhoda seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Time being 6:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Decker, City Clerk.